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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF.

The following extracts from Naval Attache Turkey Captain Webb Trammel may be of interest.

"The Director of Turkish Intelligence remains friendly and shows a spirit of cooperation, but he appears to be somewhat confused and bewildered by the growing number of American Intelligence Agencies in Turkey.

"Sometime ago the Head of the Istanbul Branch of the Turkish Intelligence called to discuss our O.W.I. He had a list of their employees, about 95. He wanted to know\*\*\*\*something about their operations and objectives. He said he was responsible for security and counter espionage throughout Turkey, but he did not employ as many people or spend as much money as O.W.I. does in Istanbul (about \$40,000 monthly)\*\*\*\*He did not feel he could give them confidential information as they were not a military institution and he estimated that possibly 50% of their employees were working for the Axis.

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The Turkish Director then proceed to say that the Germans had 5 Intelligence Agencies in Turkey; Military Attache, Naval Attache, Foreign Office, Gestapo and Nazi party, and it amused him to watch their movements and upset their plans, as they were continually crossing wires. One plans sabotage of Syrian railroads, another sends sabotage bombs to disrupt morale in Burut and Damascus, a third plots sabotage in Haifa. Then they all sit around waiting for the bombs to go off but the Director has gathered them all up." The moral was that lack of coordination in Intelligence activities leads to anarchy (that was the word he used) and the defeat of the agencies purpose.

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DIA and Navy review(s) completed.

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